

say it in French it's nasty.

(LAUGHTER)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because I'm talking about what the big ones are doing to the little ones. Senator Maurstad, we're in the process of parcelling out pain and every little town, every little hamlet has to receive its allocation of pain. Omaha's levy is 43 or something cents so you can say 45 cents and it doesn't make any difference. Somebody pointed out how it's not going to touch the big ones. You know what some of you who represent these little towns make me think of? A comment that Oscar Wilde made. I'm just paraphrasing. He said, I can understand why those who benefit from an exploitive, capitalistic system will praise it, fight for it and die for it, but what I cannot understand is how those who are exploited, who are oppressed, who are impoverished will fight even harder to maintain this oppressive system than those who benefit from it. I'll tell you why that happens. Because there are certain people who formulate attitudes and ideas and set the standards and they persuade those who are going to be impressed...oppressed that oppression is in their best interest. So, Senator Schellpeper, I find myself in this particular debate and it was why, one of the reasons, I was reluctant to get into it to say something that might benefit these little towns. This would be a good way to kill them off and in the past I've said there might be too many counties, too many of these various political subdivisions, but this is a dishonest way to do it. This is a way of sneaking up behind somebody and sticking them in the back when they're not looking. But the problem is, Senator Schellpeper, you have many of those who should be the guardians and protectors allowing the stabbing in the back to occur. The motion that I'm making should have been made by somebody who has a constituency that will be devastated by enactment of this legislation. We have all been here long enough to know, as has been pointed out, how reluctant not only this body but any political body is to raise taxes. I'm probably the only one on the floor who unabashedly says whenever the issue comes up, everything costs more now than it did last year so the services that the government provides, which must be paid for, are going to cost more money. Since the way by which governments are to raise money are taxes then we raise the taxes if we need more money, but it's done in a dishonest, sneaky way. We'll add 50 cents to people's phone bill. We'll add an